

Cape Lookout National Seashore
As of June 6, 2013

Management Activity

Routine monitoring of bird (Since March 15th) and sea turtle activity (May 1)

Closure Summary: Shoreline Closures to Motor Vehicles are seasonal or temporary.
(Except for Shackleford Banks, the swim beach closure from Ramp 41 to Ramp 42 and Power Squadron Spit west of the Jetty.)

In general the shoreline is open to pedestrians, exceptions will be posted. Boaters can expect interior bird closures, signed closed to all entry, at the inlets and points from April 1 to August 31. Boaters are encouraged to land within 0.25 mile of the inlets. This allows pedestrians to walk the inlet shoreline for access to the ocean shoreline

Bird Closures-

South Core Banks- Motor vehicle closure on east and west side of Cape Point for tern nests & Oystercatcher chicks, backroad from ramp 44a to ramp 44b is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 39 to ramp 37b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 35a to ramp 35b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 34 to ramp 32 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach from ramp 28 to ramp 27 is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

South Core Banks- The beach and backroad from ramp 25 to Ophelia Inlet is closed to motor vehicles for piping plover chicks, no detour available.

North Core Banks- The beach from ramp 14 to ramp 13b is closed to motor vehicles for American Oystercatcher chicks, detour to the backroad is open.

Recently re-opened

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Piping Plover Summary:

South Core Banks- 9 nests to date, 1 active nest, 5 broods of chicks
North Core Banks- 35 nests to date, 13 active nests, 13 broods of chicks
Shackleford Banks- 0 nests

American Oystercatcher Summary:

South Core Banks- 40 nests to date, 7 active nests, 8 broods of chicks
North Core Banks- 42 nests to date, 10 active nests, 3-4 broods of chicks
Shackleford Banks- 8 nests to date, 2 active nests

Colonial Waterbirds:

South Core Banks- 6 colonies
North Core Banks- 8 colonies
Shackleford Banks- 0

Seashore Sea Turtle Nesting Activity to date: All Loggerhead Sea Turtles to date

North Core Banks- 14 activities, 8 nests, 1 possible nest, 5 false crawls
South Core Banks- 10 activities, 6 nests, 4 false crawls
Shackleford Banks- 3 activities, 3 nests